

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TOKYO 09602 230238Z

17

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-07 NSC-07 SP-03 SS-20 RSC-01 L-03

CIAE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00 DODE-00 DRC-01 /068 W

----- 085092

R 230155Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3466

UNCLAS TOKYO 9602

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CSAF WASHDC/AFJACI INFO CINCPAC CINCPACAF
COMUSJAPAN 313AD KADENA AMEMB TOKYO AMCONSUL NAHA FROM 5AF
FUCHU AS JAPAN/JA JUL 220500Z REPEATED FOR YOUR:

QUOTE

REF YOUR 191845Z JULY 74. SUBJ: IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT
INVOLVING SGT HAROLD W. JOHNSON, USAF AND SGT CARROLL E. LOCKE.
1. THE FOL IS A RECITATION OF THE FACTS CONCERNING SUBJECT
INCIDENT UPON WHICH THE DECISION NOT TO ISSUE A DUTY CERTIFICATE
WAS BASED: SGTS JOHNSON AND LOCKE WERE ASSIGNED TO THE IE SHIMA
GUNNERY RANGE AT THE SAME TIME AND WERE BRIEFED BY SSGT FRANK
MARTINEZ, NCOIC OF THE RANGE, SSGT LARRY GRAMPS, ASST NCOIC,
AND CAPT PEPPARD, SITE MANAGER THAT PART OF THEIR DUTIES WOULD
INCLUDE PICKING UP EXPENDED BRASS ON THE RANGE AND CHASING

PAGE 2 RUMMOPQ1543 UNCLAS

LOCAL NATIONALS OFF WHO WERE STEALING BRASS. FURTHER, IF THEY
CAUGHT ANY JAPANESE THEY WERE TO TURN THEM OVER TO THE
OKINAWAN RANGE GUARD WHO IN TURN WOULD TURN THEM IN TO THE
LOCAL POLICE. THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY TOLD BY MARTINEZ AND
GRAMPS THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT TO BE HURT. JOHNSON AND
LOCKE WORKED AT THE RANGE ON 10 JULY 74 AND APPROXIMATELY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TOKYO 09602 230238Z

1330 HOURS JOHNSON SAW SOME JAPANESE DOWNRANGE. HE WENT DOWN

TO GET THEM OFF THE RANGE, THEY RAN OVER A HILL AND HE THREW FOUR BIG ROCKS AT THEM. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DAYS GUNNERY PRACTICE AT APPROXIMATELY 1730 HRS, JOHNSON AND LOCKE SECURED THE FLARE GUN IN AN AMMO BOX AND TOOK IT, THE BINOCULARS AND RADIOS FROM THE TOWER AND PUT THEM IN A PICKUP TRUCK. WHILE DOING SO THEY SAW SOME JAPANESE IN THE STRAFE PIT APPROXIMATELY ONE-QUARTER MILE FROM THE SOUTH TOWER PICKING UP BRASS. JOHNSON STATED TO LOCKE QUOTE LET'S GO CHASE THEM UNQUOTE AND LOCKE RESPONDED QUOTE WAIT A MINUTE UNQUOTE. LOCKE THEN REACHED INTO THE BACK OF THE TRUCK, GOT THE FLARE GUN AND TWO FLARES AND LOADED THE GUN. THEY STARTED TO THE STRAFE PIT, THE JAPANESE RAN AND WHEN JOHNSON AND LOCKE ARRIVED AT THE POINT WHERE THEY HAD FIRST OBSERVED THE JAPANESE THEY

PAGE 3 RUMMOPA1543 UNCLAS

WERE APPROXIMATELY 400 YARDS AWAY ON THE BEACH. THEY GOT OUT OF THE TRUCK AND LOCKE FIRED THE FLARE GUN AND THE FLARE LANDED APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET FROM THE JAPANESE. THEY THEN WENT TO THE NORTH END OF THE STRAFE PITS AND PICKED UP THE TARGETS AND ACOUSTIC SCORER. WHEN THEY GOT BACK INTO THE TRUCK THEY OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 15 OR 20 JAPANESE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE PITS PICKING UP BRASS. JOHNSON DROVE TOWARDS THE GROUP AND WHILE ON THE WAY TO THE SOUTH END LOCKE RE-LOADED THE GUN. WHEN THEY WERE APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FROM THE JAPANESE THEY, THE JAPANESE, SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE WALKING NORTH AND ONE WALKING SOUTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE JAPANESE WHO RAN TOWARDS THE FENCE AND WAS SHOT. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD A HEAD BAND ON AND WAS CARRYING A BAG IN HIS LEFT HAND: LOCKE TOLD JOHNSON TO CHASE HIM. THEY DROVE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS AND WHEN THEY WERE APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDS BEHIND THE MAN RUNNING, JOHNSON SHOUTED OUT THE WINDOW FOR THE JAPANESE TO HALT. WHEN THE JAPANESE REACHED THE WIRE FENCE THEY WERE ABOUT 20 FEET FROM HIM AND JOHNSON TURNED THE TRUCK SO THAT LOCKE'S SIDE WAS TOWARD THE JAPANESE. WHEN THE TRUCK STOPPED, LOCKE, ACCORDING TO HIS STATEMENT, AIMED TO THE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TOKYO 09602 230238Z

PAGE 4 RUMMOPA1543 UNCLAS

LEFT OF THE JAPANESE AND FIRED THE FLARE GUN HITTING HIM IN THE WRIST, BREAKING TWO BONES AND BURNING HIM. THE JAPANESE FELL APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET OUTSIDE THE FENCE. THE INDIVIDUAL'S FATHER THEN APPROACHED THEM AND BOTH HE AND HIS SON WERE TAKEN TO THE OKINAWAN RANGE GUARD. WHILE BEING INTERVIEWED AT THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT THE FOLLOWING DAY BY AN AGENT OF THE OSI, JOHNSON WAS QUERIED AS TO WHY THEY HAD NOT APPREHENDED

THE PEOPLE IN THE LARGE GROUP WHO WERE NOT RUNNING AND JOHNSON REPLIED QUOTE IT'S NO FUN IF THEY DON'T RUN UNQUOTE. ANOTHER STATEMENT BY JOHNSON WHICH REFLECTS SOMEWHAT ON HIS STATE OF MIND IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE THERE HAS BEEN A RASH OF THEFT FROM THE RANGE. THE THEFTS SUCH AS STEALING THE CABLES TO THE ACOUSTIC SCORER, MADE MY JOB HARDER AND MADE ME MAD UNQUOTE. THERE IS A CONFLICT AS TO WHETHER THE RED FLAG ON THE TOWER WAS UP AT THE TIME THE FOREGOING OCCURRED. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED HOWEVER, THAT THE SIGNS WRITTEN IN JAPANESE AND ENGLISH WARNING PEOPLE TO STAY OFF THE RANGE WERE STILL POSTED. THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT WHAT THE JAPANESE WERE TRESPASSERS AND THEIR SOLE REASON FOR BEING IN THE PIT AREA WAS TO STEAL THE EXPENDED BRASS. 2. ARTICLE

PAGE 5 RUMMOPA1543 UNCLAS

XVII, PARAGRAPHS 3, 3(A), AND 3(A)(II), US JAPAN SOFA PROVIDES: QUOTE 3. IN CASES WHERE THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION IS CONCURRENT THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY: (A) THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL HAVE THE PRIMARY RIGHT TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT IN RELATION TO (II) OFFENSES ARISING OUT OF ANY ACT OF OMISSION DONE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY UNQUOTE. PAR 3(B) STATES: QUOTE IN THE CASE OF ANY OTHER OFFENSE THE AUTHORITIES OF JAPAN SHALL HAVE THE PRIMARY RIGHT TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION UNQUOTE. THE TERM QUOTE OFFICIAL DUTY UNQUOTE IS DEFINED QUOTE TO BE ANY DUTY OR SERVICE REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED TO BE DONE BY STATUTE, REGULATION, THE ORDER OF A SUPERIOR OR MILITARY USAGE UNQUOTE PAREN JOINT COMMITTEE AGREED VIEWS 39 PAREN .3. RATIONALE: FIFTH AF CC DETERMINED FROM THE FACTS JOHNSON AND LOCKE FAR EXCEEDED THEIR AUTHORITY. THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY BRIEFED THEY WERE NOT TO HURT ANYONE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 TOKYO 09602 230238Z

AND IF THEY APPREHENDED ANY TRESPASSERS THEY WERE TO TURN THEM OVER TO THE OKINAWA RANGE GUARD. THE ACT OF FIRING A FLARE GUN FROM A STOPPED VEHICLE AT THE FLEEING JAPANESE, FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET WAS CONSIDERED TO BE

PAGE 6 RUMMOPA1543 UNCLAS

A WILLFUL AND WANTON ACT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. JOHNSON WAS CONSIDERED TO BE AN AIDER AND ABETTOR. 4. THE DECISION NOT TO ISSUE A DUTY CERTIFICATE WAS MADE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE. UNQUOTE HODGSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: YOUTH, MILITARY PERSONNEL, IE SHIMA, DEATHS, GUNS (ORDNANCE), CASUALTIES, MISSILE RANGES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974TOKYO09602
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740198-0264
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740723/aaaaatza.tel
Line Count: 168
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: YOUR 191845Z JULY 74. SUBJ: IE SHIMA
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 OCT 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 OCT 2002 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <23 JAN 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CSAF WASHDC/AFJACI INFO CINCPAC CINCPACAF
TAGS: MARR, JA, YQ, US, (JOHNSON, HAROLD W), (LOCKE, CARROLL E)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005